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LEVVIS, By the grace of God, King of France and Nauarre, to all present, and to come, greeting. Our commandment (since the death of the Marshall *d'Ancre*) hauing been so readily obeyed, by the Princes, Dukes, Peeres, Officers of our Crowne, Lords, Gentlemen, Officers of our soueraigne Courts, and all such as were their followers, against whom wee had decreed our

Letters Patents, of the monethes of Ianuarie, and Februarie laſt, doth ſufficiently teſtifie vnto vs, that the onely deſire of their conſeruation, and to withſtand their apparant ruine, which was plotted by the inſolent, violent, and pernicious deſignes of the ſaid Marſhall *d' Ancre*, had conſtrained them to withdraw themſelues from vs, and to purchaſe their ſecuritie by Armes, though vnlawfull; for as much as the ſaid Marſhall made vſe of my forces to oppreſſe them, contrary to my intention. But as it concerned our Dignitie, to decree our letters of declaration againſt them, when as they exploited actions contrary to their dutie, where they ſhould haue expected our iuſtice. Now that we are aſſured of their fidelitie, and that they haue declared vnto vs, that the meere neceſſity of their conſeruation, was the motiue to aſſociate themſelues, onely to oppoſe againſt the violences of the ſaid Marſhall; and that we haue been by them ſufficiently informed of their good intentions towards vs, and our Kingdomes; and of the deſire which they haue to ſpend their liues to augment the greatneſſe thereof, and to maintaine vs & our authority, & that they are very

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ſorie and diſpleaſed with themſelues, for hauing leuied men of warre, taken and detained our moneys, impoſed contributions on our people, and cauſed our ſubiects (like toyleſome drudges) to fortifie ſuch places as were by them held, which they haue proteſted vnto vs they neuer would haue vndertaken, much leſſe haue cauſed ſtrangers to enter our Realmes, if they had not been thereunto conſtrained, to auoide the vtter ruine and deſolation of them and their families. Wee, of our clemencie and Royall bountie, are moued to deale fauourably with them; to pardon ſuch defaults and ouerſights, which might haue bin committed in the premiſſes, and to reeſtabliſh them in the charges, honours, and dignities, which they heretofore poſſeſſed; ſeeing withall, this may be a meanes to fortifie our Kingdomes, with a neceſſary peace, of good men ſo much deſired. Hauing therfore deliberated of theſe affaires in our Counſell, ſome of the Princes of our blood being preſent, with other Princes, Dukes, Peeres, Officers of our Crowne, and the chiefeſt of our ſaid Counſell; we giue all men to vnderſtand, that by the aduice of our Counſel aforeſaid, and our own

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certaine knowledge, full power, and Royall authoritie, wee haue pronounced and declared; and by theſe preſents ſigned with our hand, doe pronounce and declare, that wee hold the ſaid Princes, Dukes, Peeres, Officers of our Crowne, and all thoſe which haue aſſiſted them, for our good and loyall ſubiects and ſeruants: wee will and ordaine, that the memorie of all that hath paſſed in theſe laſt troubles for the cauſes afore ſpecified, and alſo concerning the ſaid leauie of Armes, and acts of Hoſtility, to remaine vtterly extinct and aboliſhed, as wee doe by theſe preſents aforeſaid extinguiſh and aboliſh them; prouided alwaies, that they doe hereafter containe themſelues within the limits of the reſpect and dutie which they owe vnto vs, and ſhall yeeld that obedience vnto our commandements which they are bound vnto. And that from this preſent time they renounce all leagues and aſſociations, which might by them bee made, betweene themſelues, and other of our ſubiects, or ſtrangers, as well within the Realme, as without, and of what condition ſoeuer they bee; and ſhall generally performe the duties of good and faithfull ſubiects and

ſeruants, whereunto they are obliged by their births: the premiſſes conſidered, we haue reeſtabliſhed, and doe reeſtabliſh them into all and ſingular their goods, moueables, and immouables, honours, dignities, charges, eſtates, offices and penſions, whereof wee giue them full and entire repoſſeſſion; and to this end haue we reuoked and taken away all attachments thereupon made. We will and ordaine, that they enioy our fauours, graces, benifices, honours, and gouernments, and that they exerciſe their charges and offices, euen as they formerly did, ſo that hereafter they may not be moleſted nor troubled in any forme or faſhion whatſoeuer. Thereupon impoſing ſilence on all our Atturneys General, their ſubſtitutes preſent and to come, and to all others: All declarations, interdictions, and other Letters Patents, which haue been by vs heretofore decreed and publiſhed in our Courts of Parliament, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding; which we haue reuoked, and do reuoke, haue declared, and doe declare void and of no effect and value, as alſo all which hath been done in the execution thereof; the which to that effect, of our eſpeciall grace, we

will cauſe to be taken away, and put out of the Regiſters of our Courts of Parliament. Moreouer, we hold thoſe releaſed and diſcharged, whom they had appointed for the managing of our treaſure, with others from whom they might haue exacted, and ſuddenly compelled to bring in their monies: prouided that within ſix weekes after the Publication of theſe preſents, they deliuer into our Chamber of Accounts, the copie of their bils of receits, ſealed and ſigned by one of the ſaid Princes and Dukes; likewiſe of the woods which they might haue felled, and carried out of our forreſts. We will alſo, that our edicts and declarations heretofore made, for the pacification of the troubles of our Realme; namely, that of *Blois*, at the iſſue and ſequell of the treatie of *Lodune*, be inuiolably executed, kept, and iuſtly obſerued, according to their forme and tenure. And that vnder the authority and benefit of the ſame, all our ſubiects, as well Catholick, as thoſe of the pretended reformed Religion, may hereafter liue in good peace, vnion, & correſpondence, vnder our obedience, without vpbraiding one the other with any imputation of thoſe things that are done and paſt,

paſt. Alſo we giue commiſſion to our truſtie & beloued Counſellors, holding our Courts of Parliament, Chambers of our accounts, Bayliffes, Seneſchalles, Iudges, or their ſubſtitutes, and to all our other Iuſtices and Officers, to whom it may, or ſhal appertaine, each one for himſelfe to giue credit to theſe preſents, and cauſe them to bee read, publiſhed, kept and obſerued, according to their forme and tenure: And to the end they may bee for euer firme and ſtable, we haue cauſed to theſe preſents to bee ſet our ſeale; for ſuch is our pleaſure. Giuen at *Bois de Vincennes*, in the moneth of May, in the yeere of grace, 1617. and of our Raigne the ſeuenth.

Signed, LEVVIS.

And on the fold in the bottome by the King,

DE LOMENIE.

And on the ſide is written, VISA.

And ſealed with the great Seale of green wax, on labels of red and greene ſilke.

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Read, publiſhed, regiſtred, and heard, and that at the requeſt of the Kings Atturney generall, who ordaineth, that colationed copies ſhall bee ſent to the Bayliwiks and Seneſchallſhips, to be there read, publiſhed, & regiſtred, through the diligence of the ſaid Atturney generall, his Subſtitutes, who ſhall certifie the doing hereof within the moneth, on paine to anſwere it at their perill. At Paris in the Court of Parliament, the twelfth of May, one thouſand, ſix hundred and ſeuenteene.

Signed, DV TILLET.

FINIS.